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CHAPTER VI

AN ENTREATY.

It is an hour later; and in his library Gilbert Saumarez is sitting with folded arms, on which his face lies hidden.

The table is strewn with papers.

A crumpled, faded flower and a little, six-buttoned black-kid glove are on the desk close beside him; how procured, he alone knows.

Certainly, they were never given to him by their rightful owner.

The lamps are lowered, until a half-gloom, that is almost darkness, envelops the apartment.

Ghastly shadows creep here and there, unchecked, unnoticed by the man who sits so silently in the arm-chair beneath the center lamp.

He is lost in thought, in vain regrets, that belong to the present and the near past, but have no connection with the morrow, that may bring death in its train.

But not to him.

No fear of being "done to death" in open fight, need harass him.

He is too expert a shot, has too often earned his reputation as a skilled duelist, to feel nervous at the prospect of an encounter with an amateur—a raw schoolboy in the art of dueling, as he rightly terms Penruddock.

He has killed his man before this; and having made up his mind to shoot this present rival as he would a dog, has dismissed the subject from his thoughts.

Other considerations crowd upon him—other remembrances, sweet and bitter; and so absorbed is he in his inward musings, that he does not hear the door open, nor the sound of the light feet that advance across the floor, until the owner of them is almost at his side.

He raises his head then, and looking up, starts to his feet with an exclamation that is caused by a surprise which for the moment completely overpowers him.

It is Maud Neville who stands before him, pale as "the snowy lily pressed with heavy rain."

Her eyes are large, half frightened, and full of grief. Beneath them dark circles show themselves. No faintest ting of color adorns her cheeks. Her hair, under her swans'-down hood, has loosened, and strays across her low, smooth forehead at its own good will.

She is pale, nervous, thoroughly unhinged, yet never perhaps has she looked so lovely.

To Gilbert Saumarez, gazing at her, some old lines occur that seem to apply to her as to none other—

"To see her is to love her,
And love but her forever,
For nature made her what she is,
And ne'er made sic anither!"

"You here, and alone!" he stammers, moving from her rather than toward her.

"Yes, here," returns she, in a low tone, tremulous with emotion. "Esther waits for me outside. I have so far forgotten my own dignity and self-respect as to come here to you at midnight, compelled by a sudden necessity. She entreated me, with an upward glance of mingled entreaty and pride, "that you should respect both!"

"Speak!" returns he, coldly.

She throws back her hood and cloak as though half stifled, and stands before him in all the bravery of her satin ball-dress, on which pearls gleam with a soft, subdued light.

"I have come to ask you to forego this duel—to give it up," she says, faintly, discouraged by this manner, yet not wholly dismayed. "I entreat you to hear me, to listen to what I have to say, not to turn a deaf ear to my prayer."

"Yet to my prayer not an hour since you were deaf," retorts he, quietly.

She is silent.

"You would ask me to spare your lover—that boy, Penruddock," says he, with a mocking smile, "and so proclaim myself a coward, as he called me! Impossible! I struck me across the face with his open hand—here!"

He raises his hand to the cheek that still bears the mark of the blow, but was pallid the remembrance of the deadly insult returns to him.

His eyes blaze with wrath. Involuntarily he clinches his hand. To the girl watching him there seems indeed but small hope of mercy.

She draws nearer, and by a sudden impulse lays her hand upon his.

"At least, do not kill him!" she says, despair in her tone, in an awful look in her great gleaming eyes. "Do not murder him! He is young, and youth is precious. You will have mercy on him, will you not?"

Overcome by fear, and utterly unnerved, she sinks at his feet, and gazes at him in speechless, but still with imploring look and gesture.

There is a childish grief and anxiety in her lovely face that touches the world-worn and almost utterly callous heart of the man before her.

"How you must love him," he says, bitterly, almost scornfully, "to bring yourself to do what you have done to-night! Hurry, my young child—should come here where no woman could be seen without injury to herself, convinces me of— But, no!" He interrupts himself, and his voice grows suddenly tender. "I will take care that no evil shall befall a child of you; you need not be afraid of that!"

He stoops and raises her gently from the ground.

"You will promise me," she entreats, in a whisper, "to spare him? I know how skillful you are—what an easy matter it would be to you to place a bullet in his heart. But you will spare him? And when may I tell this one deed of mercy may save your soul at last?"

"My soul!" says he, with a haunting laugh. "And supposing that at your earnest instigation I do consent to spare your lover—what then, I pray?"

"I have no lover," says the girl, simply. "I never shall have one. You should know that—you, who told me in plain language not an hour since of my low birth and breeding."

"Pardon me," says he, lowering his eyes, shame covering his brow with crimson. "If I could recall that last hour I would. I lied when I spoke of disgrace."

"You do not deceive me now—you tell me truth?" asks she, with agitation. "Yet you said that you knew of my birth—that I was base-born."

"This is no time for such discussion," says he evasively; "but if ever you want a witness to prove your birth, send for me. And now, am I forgiven my offense?"

"I have forgotten everything," says she, eagerly, "only this—that I want your promise. Swear to me Dick Penruddock's death will not lie at your door?"

"And if I give this promise—if I tell you I shall fire over his head instead of straight into the center of his heart, what shall be my reward?"

"Name it," says she, thoughtlessly.

"It is a simple request. I ask but one kiss, and my oath shall be given."

She starts, and shrinks from him perceptibly.

"You are no man to ask me that!" she says, white to the lips again, and with her small hands tightly clinched.

"Yet that is my bargain—the only one I will make!" returns he, doggedly.

Within her breast fierce battle reigns.

All a woman's modesty fights with love's self-sacrifice.

The struggle is severe, but lasts not very long. Love conquers.

"For his sake!" she murmurs, brokenly.

And then she goes up to Saumarez, and stands before him, her face like marble.

"You shall have your reward!" she says, faintly.

He lays both his hands upon her shoulders, and regards her earnestly.

Then he pushes her somewhat roughly from him, and laughs aloud—a very unpleasant laugh, and one by no means good to hear.

"Look here," he says; "I can be generous, too! Keep your kisses!—keep" (bitterly) "your lips unsullied for him! And keep my promise, too; I give it freely, without reward, just for love of you! Perhaps in the future you will confess that I loved you at least as well as *he* does, or any man could. Do I not prove it? For your sake—to please you—I spare the life of the only man whom I envy, and when I could shoot him as easily as I could a dog!"

"You are generous, indeed!" she says, below her breath. "I can not thank you as—"

"I want no thanks!" he says, shortly. "This is our last meeting—unless," with meaning in his tone, "you permit me, you shall never be cursed by the sight of me again. This country has grown hateful to me. And your fair face has been my ruin—not that *that* counts nowadays; a little more or less is of little moment. Nay," with an effort, "I do not blame you. It was not your fault. And now good-bye. You must not stay longer. At least, before parting, you will give me your hand in token of good-fellowship!"

"Good-bye," she says.

"Nay, it is not only that; it is an eternal farewell!" corrects he.

She gives him her hand, and, taking it, he holds it closely for a moment only, letting it go almost immediately.

Then, drawing her hood once more over her head, she moves to the door.

But at that instant, even as her hand is on the lock, he follows her, and, falling at her feet, catches and presses a fold of her dress passionately to his lips.

It is all over then; and, rising, he turns aside and covers his face with his hands.

A moment later, he finds himself alone.

CHAPTER VII.

FATHER AND SON.

Not even Mrs. Neville does Maud tell of the terrible anxiety that weighs down her spirits, and reduces her to a state that borders on distraction.

She makes no mention of the quarrel that has occurred between Dick and Captain Saumarez, or of her midnight visit to the house of the latter.

But she is restless and miserable, and Mrs. Neville, watching her, knows that something is amiss.

As all next day goes by, and Wednesday dawns, and still no tidings reach her of Dick's welfare, the suspense and terror she is enduring prove almost more than she can bear.

That she loves Penruddock she no longer seeks to deny even to herself, though in her firm determination never to marry him she is altogether unchanged, has not wavered in the least.

It would undoubtedly have been a comfort to her during all these hours of uncertainty to have had some one near her with whom she could discuss her trouble, and to whom she could breathe out all her fears and longings, but that solace is denied to her.

Mrs. Neville, as she knew, entertained a sincere affection for Penruddock, and to apprise her of his danger would be to raise feelings of grief and direst apprehensions of evil in her kindly heart, and she would herself need comfort, rather than be able to afford it.

So, by a supreme effort, Maud conquered all selfish desires for sympathy, and waited alone for tidings that might bring her joy or sorrow.

"Has Saumarez really and truly kept the promise so strangely given?"

This is the thought that torments her, sleeping and waking, causing her to grow pale, and place her hand upon her heart, if the door should chance to open suddenly, or any servant make a hurried entrance.

May be not spring with him a telegram or message that shall reduce to an unhappy certainty all the vague fears that now distress her?

She is leaning back in a low chair, in the smaller morning-room, making a feint pretense at reading, whilst Mimi sits writing letters at a davenport near, humming gayly, as her pen runs lightly over the paper, a little, soft melody, heard last night at the Opera Bouffe.

The door opens slowly, and a tall woman, dark and careworn, but with all the remains of great and striking beauty, comes quietly into the room.

"Mr. Penruddock is in the drawing-room," she says, in a trained voice, that expresses emotion of no kind, though, as the name passes her lips, a faint quiver contracts her beautiful features.

"Mr. Penruddock!" cries Maud, with a little gasp, springing to her feet.

"Then why not show him in here, as usual?" asks Mimi, glancing round the pretty room—"is there anything wrong with it, her thoughts running on Dick.

"It isn't young Mr. Penruddock; it is his father," says the woman, with sullen looks fixed upon the carpet. "He wishes to see you, Miss Maud."

"To see me? Dear me, what can George Penruddock have to say to me?" says Mrs. Neville, shrugging her shoulders. "I would rather not see him alone. Indeed, I do not think that I could muster courage for that. Will you come to the drawing-room with me, dearest?"

"Oh, no!" says Maud, turning an agitated countenance upon her friend. "Why should I? He knows nothing of me—at least," with a sudden pang of doubt, "I hope not! *If* he should mention me, Mimi, say I have a headache. It will be the truth; my brain seems on fire."

"What an excitable child you are!" says Mrs. Neville, soothingly. "There, lie down on this couch, and keep yourself quiet, for I promise that you shall not be disturbed. Esther, throw one of those soft Eastern shawls over Miss Neville, and fan her for a little while."

Esther arranges the shawl carefully as Mrs. Neville leaves the room, and pouring some eau de cologne upon a hand-kerchief, applies it to her young mistress's temples.

She is a swarthy woman, with a visage full of suppressed power, and with a suspicion of reverse-fulness in its cast; but her whole expression softens and grows unspeakably tender as she bends above the girl and ministers to her.

When, many years ago, she had brought the baby Mrs. Neville's house, by her desire, she had so played her cards that she too had been taken in by the soft-hearted, romantic woman, and kept on as nurse to the destitute child, and had never since quitted her.

"That undertaking, last night but one, was too much for you," says Esther, in a low tone, "You have not been yourself since. I greatly blame myself, and am very sorry that I ever had hand, act, or part in it."

"Do not," says the girl, wearily; "though I fear that hazardous step has availed me nothing. I doubt if he has shown mercy to Dick Penruddock."

"What is to prove mercy for *him* that you sought Saumarez's rooms that night?" asks the woman, quickly, a frown contracting her brow.

"Yes; I asked and obtained his promise that he would spare Dick. But this long silence terrifies me; what if he should break his word?"

"Had I known *that*—" says the woman, between her teeth, and said it in such a strange tone that Maud glanced anxiously at her.

"What do you mean, Esther? How strangely you speak!" she says, a little sternly. "Would you rather that Mr. Penruddock met his death? You are cruel, very wicked. What harm has he done you?"

"I would spare none of the breed," says the woman, slowly, her looks fixed on vacancy.

"You speak as though you knew them. Were you ever connected with them in any way?" asks Maud, curiously, sitting up and bending wonderly forward to study to watch the nurse's troubled countenance.

"Connected—no," says Esther, in a tone of cunningly acted surprise, awaking as though to a sense of danger—"how should I? My head is full of fancies—you must not mind me. And Mr. Penruddock—I hope he will come home safe, my dearie, for he is a brave young gentleman, and a handsome one; but not so handsome as my Lord Stretlan; no, nor in any way whatever so worthy of you."

"When did Mr. Penruddock come, nurse," asks Maud, after a pause.

"Almost as I came in. No doubt he is here to speak about his son." She chooses her words carefully, and marks well the effect produced by them.

"He has heard, it may be, of his constant visits here, and deems you unworthy of an alliance with *his* house. But he need not fear, need he? You have rejected Mr. Dick—you assured me of that the other night?"

"Yes, it is true. His fears are groundless. I do not desire to marry his son," says Maud, proudly.

"So best," says Esther. "His blood is bad; at least"—hastily—"so I have heard."

Maud is silent.

After a little while she says, in a rather depressed voice and with averted looks, "What is he like, Esther?"

"Who?—Penruddock? Stern and forbidding, cold and haughty, as of old," returns the woman, absently—"not bowed and broken with the weight of time and memory, as, if he had a conscience, he should be."

"Why, how you say that!" says Maud, raising herself on her elbow, "For the second time you make me think you know him."

"Nay, child—how should I?" says the nurse, impatiently, yet in a half-frightened manner. "It is from all I have heard I judge, and that was no good. The old, too, should not be high and mighty; they should remember the graves that yawn for them—they should repent them of the many sins that they, in the past, have committed."

"How ghostly," says the girl, with a slight shiver. "Do not talk like that; it almost unnerves me. To hear you, one might imagine that Mr. Penruddock was nothing less than a murderer!"

The woman smiles disagreeably, and covers her face with her hand, perhaps to hide the change that passes over it. Then taking up the bottle of perfume again, she pours out some more, and applies it, but with a trembling hand, to Miss Neville's forehead.

"Nurse," says Maud, presently, in a nervous tone, "I have been thinking of something, and I can not get it out of my thoughts. Perhaps some one has told Mr. Penruddock of this quarrel with Captain Saumarez, and he has come up to town about it, and has come here to accuse me to auntie as being the cause of it; and—" starting to her feet in her agitation—"if that be so, what shall I say or do?"

"Tut, nonsense," says Esther, calmly—"that can not be. Ill news fly apace indeed, to carry itself down so far to the country in such a hurry. And besides, who knew of it? There, my dear child, try to sleep," she says, softly; "and ring for me if you want me again."

So saying, she goes to the door, opens it, and, crossing the passage outside, walks lightly down-stairs, and seats herself in a room off the hall, from which, with the door just a little way open, she can command a view of any one going to or coming from the drawing-room.

Left to herself, Maud for some time lies quietly upon the couch, thinking sadly of all that has happened during the last two days, and of all that yet may happen.

The blinds are pulled down, and the dusk of evening has descended and is creeping everywhere, making odd shadows in far corners, and rendering even near objects indistinct.

The day has been dark and cloudy, and the rain has fallen—now steadily, anon in fitful gusts.

The evening is as gloomy as the day, and at this moment the raindrops are pattering drearily against the window-panes with a sad, monotonous sound that chills the heart.

The usually pleasant room looks dull and cheerless now in the uncertain light—dull as her thoughts, and cheerless as are her hopes!

The moments fly; the ormolu clock upon the mantelpiece chimes the half-hour.

And then there is a noise of footsteps outside, a word or two quickly spoken, and the door is thrown open to admit Mrs. Neville and a tall, gaunt man, who follows her closely and quickly into the room.

Maud, springing to her feet, gazes breathlessly at George Penruddock, though she can barely judge of his appearance in the growing twilight.

She herself, standing back in the extreme shadow, is in such a position that he can scarcely, perhaps not at all, discern her features.

"What have I heard, Maud?" says Mrs. Neville, in great distress. "Is it true that Dick has been led into a quarrel—has, in fact, risked his life in a duel for your sake? Tell Mr. Penruddock yourself that this story is a vile fabrication—a shameless, wicked untruth!"

"I can not!" begins Maud, huskily.

"You hear her!" says the tall, gaunt old man, in accents that vibrate with anger. "She acknowledges everything. She alone is to blame! This adventuress, this young viper, whom you have taken to your bosom, has willfully led my unhappy son into a quarrel that has in all probability brought him to the grave!"

"Silence, Mr. Penruddock!" says Mrs. Neville, with an air of offended dignity foreign to her. "This girl that you so ignorantly accuse is in reality as good, and true a child as ever breathed, and I shall listen to nothing against her. She herself shall tell us all the truth; but I forbid you to annoy or frighten her with your coarse speeches."

"Yes; let her speak quickly—let me hear," says Penruddock, brutally, and scowling at Maud.

In a broken undertone, Maud tells them of all that took place between Dick and Captain Saumarez the night of Mrs. Neville's dance, suppressing only her visit to the latter's house and the promise there extracted.

When she has finished her recital, she bursts into tears, and sobs distressingly.

Mrs. Neville, going up to her, takes her in her arms, and presses her head down upon her kindly bosom.

For a few minutes no sound can be heard in the room save the girl's bitter weeping, as she fondly and gratefully clings to her faithful Mimi.

"Ay, weep!" says Penruddock, cruelly. "You may well waste an idle tear upon the man you have killed—upon the hearth you have left desolate! It was a cursed hour when first he met you! I have heard of you and have been told of your stolen interviews, though I have never seen you, nor do I desire to look upon your fatal face! I thank the friendly darkness now that prevents my seeing one who has blighted my remaining years. I know all. I have heard of the unfortunate infatuation entertained for you by my unhappy son, and I now live to see its sad results. Rest satisfied. Your vanity must surely be satisfied when you know that he died for your sake."

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"Claridge's. I shall expect you at the time you say. Do not disappoint me."

"You have my word," says Dick. "Well, I shall be off now. Good-bye, Mrs. Neville. You must not scold me any more, you know; I'm not proof against your displeasure, that is a positive fact. I shall drop in to-morrow, if I may, to tell you all about my adventure."

"Yes, do come, if only to see how thoroughly I can forgive," says Mrs. Neville, smiling; her heart incapable of harboring anger.

And the young man, smiling in turn, presses her hand, takes up his hat, and quits the room.

Penruddock, having made his adieus in more elaborate form, goes slowly down the stairs, and into the hall.

As he passes a room, the door of which is now open, a woman, tall and dark-drowed, comes quickly forward, as though summoned by his footstep, and confronts him.

As his eyes light upon her, a ghastly change comes over him. He is white as a sheet, seems to shrink and grow smaller, and draws his breath heavily.

"Well, Penruddock," she says, in accents slow and distinct, appearing to enjoy his discomfiture; "and so we meet again. How pleased you look!"

"What has brought you here?" demands he, hoarsely, looking nervously around.

"Fate!" replies she coldly.

"But here—what has brought you here?" asks he, as though unable to refrain from idle questioning.

The woman, bending toward him, lays her bony hand upon his wrist.

"To help you to remember," whispers she, in a tone that makes him shudder, so much compressed hatred lies within it. "Have you forgotten? Fifteen years ago this month, Penruddock! Fifteen years ago!"

So saying, she turns abruptly and enters the room again.

Penruddock follows her.

"Stay, woman!" he exclaims.

"Be not so eager," replies Esther; "we shall meet again."

By this time she has reached a door opposite to that by which she had entered that room, opens and darts through it, closing it quickly behind her.

Penruddock would still follow her, but reaching the door through which the woman has gone, he finds it locked against him.

CHAPTER VIII.

A TRUE LOVER.

After a momentary sensation of faintness, that follows close on Esther's disappearance, Penruddock rallies, and tells himself that her presence in this particular house is but one of the coincidences that will occasionally occur in all our lives, and that her wild allusion to objectionable dates has only arisen from the morbid qualities that go so far to make up her character.

By the time his son has arrived, and is ushered into his private sitting-room, he is himself again, composed, calm, and cold, and freer from foolish sentiment than he was an hour previously to meet it.

He opens his subject, which has to do entirely with Dick's misplaced affection for Miss Neville, "so called," without any appearance of excitement or undue warmth, thereby depressing to the possible way his disapprobation of the young lady to whom his son is so devoted.

When he has finished, Dick for several moments remains quite silent.

When he found Maud on the night of the dance, he had given way to despair, but so many little things have occurred since then to encourage new hopes, that he has, on reflection, declined to be altogether disheartened.

Her love is not as yet given to another, and therefore she may be his some time in the happy undefined future.

"I regret that I must go against you in this matter," he says at length, quietly but decidedly.

He is standing on the hearth-rug, his arms folded, and looking frownlingly upon the carpet.

His father, standing opposite to him, with clouded brow, is regarding him anxiously.

"You speak like a child who asked to relinquish a favored and dangerous toy," he says, contemptuously. "You, with your fortune and position, to marry a girl penniless, nameless—nay, if report speaks correctly, even worse than—"

"That will do," says the young man, with a sudden gesture suggestive of passion. "Say nothing more, if you please. It is of no consequence to her friend of mine that she is poor, penniless, and was she possessed of all the wealth in Christendom, and owner of the richest title in the land, I could not possibly love her more than I do now. For years—I know all. I have heard of the unfortunate infatuation entertained for you by my unhappy son, and I now live to see its sad results. Rest satisfied. Your vanity must surely be satisfied when you know that he died for your sake."

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COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING.

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W. HORACE ROSE,
Chairman Democratic County Committee.
Johnstown, Pa., March 26, 1886.

IT can only be said of the condition of MR. MANNING, Secretary of the Treasury, that up to Wednesday night he had not grown any worse. His recovery is possible, but it is not yet assured.

IN the House of Commons on last Tuesday afternoon Mr. Gladstone announced that on April 8 he would introduce his Irish government bill, and that on April 15 he would introduce a bill for the sale and purchase of land in Ireland.

A WESTERN member of Congress who came to Washington at the opening of Congress as poor as Job's turkey, is said to have won forty thousand dollars playing poker since the session began, and says if his luck continues he will scoop in a cool hundred thousand before the day of final adjournment. This is a great country and Washington is a lively city when Congress is in session.

THREE men whose names have filled the newspapers since the great strike on the Southwestern railroads began, occupied very humble positions at the outset of their respective careers in life. Jay Gould earned his first money as a map peddler, T. V. Powderly began his working life as a switch-tender, and Mr. Hoxie, manager of Gould's system of railroads in the Southwest, was at one time hostler at a hotel in a small town a few miles from Des Moines, Iowa.

DURING a debate in Congress on Tuesday last two Tennessee members, Houck, Republican, and McMillan, Democrat, became involved in a disgraceful war of words over the removal of certain Fourth-class Postmasters in that State, and when they had brought their windy warfare to a close each of them had fully succeeded in demonstrating to the House and the country, that the other ought long since have been the inmate of a penitentiary, instead of being engaged in framing laws for thirty-eight States at a salary of $5,000 a year, and the perquisites thereunto belonging.

JUST before John W. Mackay, the rich California Irishman, sailed for Europe a few weeks ago, he gave a dinner to Roscoe Conkling and a few other friends in New York, and when the return of Conkling to public life was suggested Mackay said he would willingly give a million of dollars to see him back in the United States Senate. If Mackay would take up his quarters at Albany when the New York Legislature meets next January, he could elect Conkling to the Senate in place of Warner Miller without spending more than one-tenth of a million. Conkling, however, would never accept the Senatorship if procured in that manner.

GEN. GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN'S memoirs will be a work of about 600 pages, a large octavo volume, about the size of Blaine's book. The prospectus will be ready in a few months and the work will be published early in the fall. It will contain a portrait of the General and probably a number of battle scenes, one of which will be that of Burnside's bridge at Antietam. The greater part of the book was written by the General, and it has been edited by his literary executor, Hon. William C. Prime. Its general character is that of personal recollections and memoirs, chiefly regarding his military life. In it, it is said, he criticises men who held public office unsparingly, so much so, in fact, that the volume will create quite a sensation.

THE friends of Blair's Educational Bill in the House having abandoned all hope of ever getting a favorable report from the Committee on Education, got Mr. Willis, a Democratic member from Kentucky, who favors the bill, to introduce another bill, which is an exact copy of the Blair project, on Monday last, and move its reference to the Committee on Labor, from which an affirmative report is certain to be made. Willis' motion was carried by a vote of 138 to 113. This is not regarded as a test vote on the bill itself, but it will at least bring the bill squarely before the House. If it should pass that body and again pass the Senate, Mr. Cleveland will never have a finer chance for the exercise of the veto power. If such a bill ever becomes a law the boasted right of a State to control its own affairs is a delusion and a snare, and the Constitution a mere rope of sand.

IN a speech delivered by John A. Logan on the bill introduced by him to increase the regular army, he undertook to quote Shakspeare, and, of course, made the author of Macbeth appear as having written some very bad grammar. "The United States should be prepared to say to the first European power that attempts to gain a foothold in America: 'Lay on Macduff, and damned be he who first cries, "Hold, enough,"'" was what Logan said in his speech. Shakspeare, however, didn't put any such words as those quoted in the foregoing sentence into Macbeth's mouth, for the plain reason that they are not good English and cannot be parsed by anyone outside of a lunatic asylum. Shakspeare made Macbeth say: "Lay on, Macduff, and damned be *him* that first cries, '*Hold, enough.*'" If Logan had asked his wife before he went to the Senate on Tuesday morning to repeat to him the concluding words of Macbeth's defiant challenge to Macduff, he would not have so deliberately murdered Shakspeare's English. But he didn't ask her, and therefore he put both his feet in it.

HENRY H. RIDDLEBERGER has been having quite a lively time in and about the Senate of late. He walked out of the Senate chamber into the east lobby on yesterday week and was tapped on the shoulder by A. W. Jones, formerly of the Richmond *Whig*, when it was a Mahone organ, who said "Hello." The Senator turned his head around and replied, "Hello!" Then Jones whispered, "How about that matter?" The Senator replied, "About what matter?" and began stroking his beard. "Oh, now, come, come," put in Jones; "you know what I am after. When are you going to pay me? I want it," and Jones exhibited a due bill fanning the air with it directly under Riddleberger's nose. "It is a back number," said Jones and then he smiled. Riddleberger became very angry and declined to pay, or in other words *repudiated*. Jones grew about two inches in height in response. Riddleberger uttered a most violent expletive and Jones burst forth in a perfect storm of abuse. Riddleberger's eyes dashed and Jones was shaking his head and pounding his two hands together. Riddleberger told Jones to go to the devil, and then Jones launched his right fist at the Senator, the blow taking effect on his left ear. Then Riddleberger made a rush for Jones and it is said by those present that his right hand went for his hip pocket. The door-keepers interfered and held Riddleberger back while Jones was hustled down stairs. "I'll see that infernal scoundrel," roared the Senator, and "I won't stand his bluffs any longer," were Jones' last words. This little unpleasantness between two original Virginia Repudiationists about a due bill, points a moral even if it does not adorn a tale.

JAY GOULD and Mr. Powderly met at the office of the former in New York on Sunday last for the purpose of ending the strike on Gould's Southwestern Railroads. When they separated in the evening Mr. Powderly was so certain that Gould had consented to submit the trouble to arbitrators, that he telegraphed that fact to the Knights of Labor at St. Louis and directed them at once to resume work on the several railways. On Monday, however, Gould informed Powderly that he was mistaken about him (Gould) having agreed to arbitrate the difficulties, and that if the trouble was to be settled in that way the consent of the manager of his railroads at St. Louis, Mr. Hoxie, must first be obtained. After the exchange of several dispatches between Gould and Hoxie and between Powderly and the Knights of Labor at St. Louis, Hoxie agreed on Tuesday to an arbitration the preliminaries to be arranged in that city. The Executive Committee of the Knights of Labor left New York on Wednesday morning for St. Louis and there does not seem to be any reason to doubt that a settlement will be effected without any unnecessary delay. That the strike was not at all necessary or justifiable and was entered upon hastily and without due reflection, is conceded by Mr. Powderly himself, who since it began and in all his subsequent efforts to secure its prompt settlement, has shown himself to be a man of sound judgment, honest purpose, and above and beyond all else, of wonderful prudence and discretion.

EX-STATE SENATOR John Stewart, of Franklin county, who was the Independent Republican candidate for Governor in 1882 and thereby defeated Beaver, was in Harrisburg a few days ago, and having expressed his belief that Beaver will be nominated for Governor without much opposition, was asked how he regarded the political situation in Pennsylvania and replied as follows: "I think the outlook for the Republican party to-day is worse than it was four years ago at this time, and it is seven months yet until the election. The liquor and labor interests are great factors in the contest this year, and they may work a great change before November. The Democrats builded wiser than they knew when they incorporated anti-discrimination and anti-monopoly planks in their platform last year.—Then it was to catch the people who were kicking about the scoop of the South Penn Railroad by the Pennsylvania, but in view of recent events, the Democrats will point to it as their hobby and special work and stand on it again this year." Stewart is regarded as a shrewd, long-headed politician, and it is quite apparent from his "talk" that he has a tolerably well defined notion how the political cat may jump next November.

JOHN J. INGALLS, United States Senator from Kansas, is an ultra Republican, but he is neither a time server nor a hypocrit. In his cut and thrust speech in the Senate on Friday last on the issue then pending between the President and the Republicans in regard to suspensions and removals from office, he said: "The Republicans of Kansas believe, and I believe, that no Republican could hold public office under a Democratic Administration without either sacrificing his conviction or forfeiting his self-respect." And yet some Republicans are still denouncing Mr. Cleveland for the tardy exercise of his Constitutional power of removal, while Ingalls, one of the high priests of his party, stands up in the Senate and tells the Republicans who are still holding on to their offices with unyielding tenacity, that they ought not to stand upon the order of their going, but go at once. Few, if any of them, however, will heed his advice, nor will anything impress them with a full sense of the truth of Ingalls' political philosophy, except a vigorous application of Cleveland's official boot.

THE New York *Sun* deserves the thanks of every friend of Ireland not only for its earnest and unflagging support of Irish Home Rule, but also for its vigorous efforts in raising money for Mr. Parnell's Parliamentary fund, as well as for the relief of the starving fishermen on the Western coast of Ireland. On Saturday last the *Sun's* Parnell fund amounted to $6,972.65, and the fund for the fishermen to $7,132.62. If Mr. Dana, the editor of the *Sun*, was running for office in New York city, he would be very apt to get a pretty solid Irish vote.

MR. POWDERLY'S CIRCULAR.

ST. LOUIS, MO., March 26.—General Master Workman Powderly has issued a secret circular to the "Noble Order of the Knights of Labor of America," which has just been made public. Mr. Powderly instructs the the secretary of each assembly to call a full meeting and read before them the sentiments which follow. The address opens with an order to the assembly to cease initiating new members until the relations of capital and labor shall become less strained than at the present time, and continues:

"To attempt to win concessions or gains with our present raw, undisciplined membership would be like hurling an unorganized mob against a well drilled regular army. It is not fair to the older assemblies to bring in new members, pick up their quarrels as soon as organized, and have them expect pecuniary aid from those who helped to build the order up for a noble purpose."

Continuing, he deprecates strikes and advises arbitration. He also warns the order against politicians, who, he says, are scheming to use it for selfish ends, and adds that to use the name of the order in a political contest is criminal and must not occur again.

Referring to the eight hour movement, the circular says: "Assemblies of the Knights of Labor must not strike for the eight-hour system on May 1, under the impression that they are obeying orders from headquarters, for such an order was not and will not be given."

Speaking of the relations between the church and the Knights of Labor, Mr. Powderly says: "I warn our members against hasty, ill-considered action. The church will not interfere with us so long as we maintain the law. If the law is wrong it is our duty to change it. I am ashamed to meet with clergymen and others, to tell them that our order is composed of law-abiding and intelligent men, while the next dispatch brings the news of some petty boycott or strike."

In conclusion, the Master Workman says: "I write this circular to lay before the order the exact condition of things. I am neither mentally nor physically capable of performing the work required of me. I am willing to do my part, but not to be asked to maintain a false position before the world any longer. One of two things must take place—either the local and direct assemblies of the order must obey its laws, or I must be permitted to resign from a vocation which obliges me to play one part before the public and another before our members. I say to the world that the Knights of Labor do not approve of or encourage strikes, and in one day dispatches reporting strikes come to me from Troy, N. Y.; Manchester, N. H.; Chicago, Ill.; Cincinnati, O.; Lynchburg, Va.; Springfield, O., and Montreal. It is impossible for human nature to stand the strain any longer. It must have the assistance of the order or my most earnest efforts will fail. Will I have it? If so, strikes must be avoided; boycotts must be avoided.

"Those who boast must be checked by the assemblies. No move must be made until the court of last resort has been appealed to. Threats of violence must not be made. Politicians must be hushed up or driven out. Obedience to the laws of Knighthood must have preference over those of any other order. If these things are done, the next five years will witness the complete emancipation of mankind from the curse of monopoly. In our members we require secrecy, obedience, patience and courage. If with these aids you strengthen my hands, I will continue in the work. If you do not desire to assist me in this way, then select a man better qualified to obey your will, and I will retire in his favor.

GRAND VICTORY PETERED OUT.

Some of the Republican papers are heralding the passage of the Edmunds resolution as if it was a glorious victory, but the facts show it more nearly a signal defeat. On the last day of the debate the Republican leaders, who had not previously manifested much interest, had to throw their whole force into the battle in solid array to stay the defections, and thus save their party from an ignominious defeat on what they propose shall be the leading national issue of the fall campaign. So we had speeches sustaining the caucus resolutions assailing the President by Edmunds, Logan, Harrison and Evarts, four Presidential aspirants. That was a big combination to bring in at the end, but it was necessary to enforce discipline. As it was, however, the important resolution of the series failed to get a majority of the Senate, and, as a matter of fact, was defeated. This was the resolution declaring it "the duty of the Senate to refuse its advice and consent" to any appointment where the President refuses—as he has in all cases—to send in the papers or his reasons for suspension. Three Republican Senators voted with the Democrats against the resolution, the vote standing ayes, 30; nays, 29; but if the Democratic Senator just appointed from California had been in his seat, the resolution would have been defeated by a tie vote in the full Senate. This was a sad pettering out of Edmunds' grand campaign in a Republican Senate against the President. Nor was this all. Several Republican Senators, including Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, have declared their intention to vote for the confirmations regardless of the President's refusal to send in the papers. Good nominations will be confirmed and bad ones rejected, unless in cases like that of Dement, Republican Senators want to pay their personal debts, as Logan did, by the confirmation of an unfit man. President Cleveland invites the strictest scrutiny into his appointments, and advises the rejection of all officers against whose personal or official character there are valid objections. The Senate will go on confirming or rejecting nominations the same as if the Edmunds resolution had never been born in secret caucus.

The Washington *Star*, of Saturday, says the Senate will begin this week to hold regular executive sessions, and the calendar of nominations will be rapidly cleared up. "The Republican Senators generally want to pursue this policy," adds the *Star*.

It strikes us President Cleveland is still on top, and Edmunds and the Republican Senators emerge from the needless and spiteful conflict they provoked with draggled plumes, and without practical results or honors. As predicted, they have come out of the same hole they went in at.—*Pittsburg Post.*

Concerning Pensions.

Pension Commissioner Black has addressed a letter to all pension agents calling attention to the act of congress increasing to $12 the monthly rate of pensions in all cases of widows, minor children and dependent relatives now on the pension roll or hereafter placed thereon in which the present monthly payment is less than the amount from said date. It is the intention of the Commissioner that the new certificates shall be issued under this act to pensioners now on the rolls, and that the amount due each pensioner to June 4, 1886, and thereafter shall be paid by the United States pension agents without specific instructions in any case. The meaning of this is that widows and others affected by this act need not bother themselves or go to the expense of a single postage stamp in reference to the increase of their pensions. The increase will come without any effort on their part.

WHERE ARE THE CATTLE?

The cattle-growers who graze their herds on the northern range have kept the fact of their being engaged in that business so constantly before the public that they have created the impression that the larger portion of the cattle in the country graze on the arid plains or in the Rocky Mountain valleys and parks. This is a mistake.

Given a country where corn thrives, there will be found cattle and hogs in large numbers. All intelligent agriculturists know that the Mississippi valley is divided into great belts of land, each distinguished by some marked peculiarity of soil and climate that determines the use to which it is devoted. The upper Mississippi valley is wheat land; the lower upper, corn land; the upper lower, cotton land; and the lower, so called sugar-land. It is true that corn can be raised in the wheat and in the cotton belt, and even in the sugar belt; but it is not corn as the Western corn-growers use the word. The corn belt proper includes Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Eastern Kansas and Nebraska. Portions of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee properly belong to this belt. But I use the first division for convenience of illustration. Where corn grows to perfection there is always plenty of feed for cattle. Millet will grow and yield bountiful crops throughout the region. The same is true of oats; and wheat, though not a sure crop in the corn belt is extensively sown.

In 1870 there were 22,501,337 domestic horned cattle in the United States. In 1880 the census shows that there were 33,961,670 cattle in the country—an increase of 12,430,333 during the decade. Of this increase 5,022,968 were in the five corn states of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. When the last census was taken, more than one-fourth of the cattle in the country were in those states. In 1880 our production of corn was 1,7545,505,-344 bushels—more than half the crop. It is plainly seen that where the land yields large crops of corn, there the cattle naturally gravitate.

In 1880 there were in all that extensive area composed of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington, 1,786,282 cattle or 331,714 less than there were in Illinois, and but 351,974 more than there were in Illinios, and but 351,974 more than there was in the young state of Kansas, New York, which is never spoken of as a cattle growing state, contained in 1880 2,309,088 cattle—613,826 more than then grazed on the whole of the arid belt, the much vaunted grazing grounds of the West. In my opinion the census of 1890 will show that there will be more cattle in the three corn-growing states of Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri than in the entire plain region, excepting Texas, of course. And there will not be as much acute suffering, nor as many miserable deaths from starvation and cold, in the three states as there will be among the cattle existing through the winter in a single county in the so-called cattle country.

In 1880 there were 3,904,102 cattle in Texas. The Texas cattlemen so thoroughly understand their business, and the state is so well adapted to raising cattle, that nothing need be said of them or their lands. All Texas cattle-growers realize that they must not overstock their range, now fully stocked. Those at all familiar with Texas know that as long as grass grows and water runs that State can be relied upon to supply from 750,000 to 1,000,000 cattle annually; cows can raise calves on the Texas ranges and live, and the same is true of New Mexico and Arizona and portions of the Indian territory.

A Word to Workers.

If your avocations are mentally or physically laborious, if they subject you to exposure in inclement weather, if they confine you to the desk, and are of a nature to involve wear and tear of the brain, and nervous strain, you may occasional require some renovating tonic. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the article for you, it stimulates the failing energies, invigorates the body and cheers the mind. It enables the system to throw off the debilitating effects of undue fatigue, gives renewed vigor to the organs of digestion, arouses the liver when inactive, which it very often is with people whose pursuits are sedentary, relishes the jaded appetite, and encourages healthful repose. Its ingredients are safe, and its credentials, which consist in the hearty endorsement of persons of every class of society, are most convincing. Admirably is it adapted to the medical wants of workers.

A STEER was killed by a Virginia City butcher the other day, whose teeth, the *Enterprise* says, were completely encrusted with gold and silver bullion. The animal came from a ranch on Carson river, and it is thought the metal accumulated on his teeth while he was drinking the river water, which is impregnated with the tailings from the mills reducing the Comstock ores.

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for a remedy that has in that time never been wanting in all that is claimed for it certainly ought to give confidence to those who have not tried Simmons Liver Regulator. The trial of it is attended with no inconvenience, no danger, no doubt; if it will not cure you it can possibly do you no harm, and in no case of bilious headache, constipation, liver disease or its attendant evils has it ever been known to fail. Beware of bogus and counterfeit "Simmons" gotten up to sell on the reputation of the genuine.

AN illicit distillery near Gainsville, Ga., which for six years had escaped detection, has been detected and raided. The proprietor had dammed a small creek; ostensibly to make a fish pond, and under the dam he placed his distillery, with tunnels for ingress and egress. The smoke was conveyed to his house and passed out through the kitchen chimney.

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Mr. Geo. V. Wiling, of Manchester, Mich., writes: "My wife has been almost helpless for five years, so helpless that she could not turn over in bed alone. She used two Bottles of Electric Bitters, and is so much improved, that she is able now to do her own work." Electric Bitters will do all that is claimed for them. Hundreds of tertimonials attest their curative powers. Only fifty cents a bottle at E. JAMES'.

THE Texas and Pacific bridge over the Trinity river at Dallas, Texas, is ninety feet above the water level. A negro walking across the bridge recently was overtaken by a train and narrowly escaped that he jumped from the bridge, went plumb down into the water, and after half a minute arose and swam ashore unhurt.

—We should have better preaching if the preachers were all sound and healthy men. Calvin may have had the dyspepsia, but it did him no good as a theologian. A Methodist minister, of Hartford, Conn., writes that Dr. Kennedy's "Favorite Remedy" cured him of chronic liver disease and indigestion. His brethern of all denominations are respectfully invited to note the fact. Sick preachers are in poor condition to proclaim the gospel news. Sound bodies are wanted.

YOUNG Mackenzie, of Waverly, Ind., was firing with a rifle at a mark on Tuesday. He did not know that his mother had entered a cow shed against which he was firing, and when he went up to see how well he had shot he found her lying dead with a bullet hole through her head.

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George Campbell, Hopkinsville, Ky., says: "Burdock Blood Bitters is the best preparation for the Blood and Stomach ever manufactured.

According to the London *Practical Confectioner*, the potato introduced in England in 1605 was first eaten as a sweet-meet, stewed n sack wine and sugar.

—A clerk in Salem, Mass., bought two dollar tickets in the Lynn Grand Army lottery the other day, and gave one of them to a friend in payment of a dollar he owed him. This ticket drew a $1,000 United States bond.

David Tyson, a Clay county Georgian, wishing to move and having no means but a two-ox wagon and one steer, yoked himself alongside of the steer and did his part in pulling a load of 1,000 pounds over seventeen miles of road.

—A pet deer in a Sacramento saloon, being frightened, jumped through a pane of glass seven inches wide by thirteen inches long. The spectators looked on in amazement, it seeming impossible that so large an animal should pass through a hole so small.

—The Rev. Joseph A Stevens, director of the Catholic Board of Indian Missions, has sent to Mr G. W. Childs, A. M., an Indian war club used by Kill Eagle at the Custer massacre. It is of hard wood, covered with buckskin, weighted at the top with a heavy egg shaped stone.

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—Frank Waller was arrested in Butler, Georgia, on the supposition that he was Bill Walker, who was charged with murder. When taken to Forsyth for identification and told that he didn't look at all like Walker, he grinned and and said: "I knowed I wasn't Bill Walker."

—"How are we ever going to get through our spring and summer's? We are all run down, tired out, before it begins." So says many a farmer's family. We answer, try Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This is just the medicine you need, and will pay compound interest on the money it costs you.

—At Manheim, Herkimer county, N. Y., on Saturday, a bald eagle, measuring about seven feet from tip to tip, tried to carry away the 8 year old son of Joseph Davis, but was prevented by farm hands after a desperate struggle. The child is not seriously injured. The eagle succeeded in making good its escape.

—Mr. Crouch, of Randolph, Tennessee, thoughtlessly became engaged to two young ladies at the same time, and the father of one of them marched him to his daughter's house at the end of a shotgun. There the young woman and her sister gave him a fearful cowhiding, but he finally made his escape, and married the other lady.

—In the case of R. Butler Mahone, son of Senator Mahone, charged with assault with intent to kill John Willis, a colored waiter in a Washington City hotel, on February 13, 1885, the jury on Monday last, under the instructions of the court, based on the fact of Mahone's drunkenness at the time, rendered a verdict of simple assault, and the court imposed a $100 fine.

—A pair of crows owned by a New Hartford family became such inveterate thieves, especially of jewelry or any glittering thing, that they were placed in a bag and driven off to a wood some eight miles distant, and there released—their owners not caring to kill the crows, which had been pets. Both turned up again at their former home, and very evidently highly gratified at their getting back.

—J. B. Thomas' dog, while following him about his Florida plantation, jumped a rabbit and chased it into the woods. The dog didn't come back, and nine days after was found with head fast in the roots of a fallen tree. The dog was released, and at once tried to get under the tree as if expecting to find the rabbit there yet. Aside from losing flesh the dog was all right.

—During the war Sarah E. Edmunds, of Flint, Mich., put on male attire and enlisted. she participated in forty engagements, big and little. Finally, being attacked with chills and fever and fearing that her sex would be discovered, she deserted, defying detection by resuming her proper garb. A bill is now before Congress to remove the charge of desertion entered against her on the army books.

—A huge California hawk swooped down on a sleeping cat at Santa Rosa the other day and bore it scratching and squalling high in the air. When about five hundred feet high the hawk lost its grip, and the cat came down with fearful velocity, but the hawk caught it again just before it reached the earth, and was carrying it off when suddenly both fell to the earth like lead. The cat had bitten through the hawk's head, killing it instantly, and the fall killed the cat.

—Three negroes; Hulpe Wade, Alex North and Henry Snow, attempted to outrage the person of Miss Cora Day, the daughter of a prominent citizen of Auburn, Ky., as she was passing through a strip of woods. Her cries brought assistance and the alarm being given a posse followed and captured the fiends. As they were bringing them back to jail they were met by a mob, who, taking the prisoners from the officers, strung all three up to a tree, where they were still hanging the next morning, no one daring to cut them down.

Charles P. Mathewson, President of the Norfolk National Bank, of Norfolk, Nebraska, has fled for parts unknown and left his resignation as bank president. It is said he has lost his own fortune and that of his brother-in law in wheat speculations, but that the bank is secured against loss. Mathewson was well known throughout Nebraska. He had served two terms in the Legislature; had been Speaker of the House of Representatives and was a delegate to the last National Republican Convention. Ae was regarded as a prominent candidate for Governor next fall.

—The engineer in charge of the work on the Panama canal says that between 12,000 and 15,000 men are employed on it. M. De Lesseps in his address at the banquet given to him at St. Nazaire on his return from the isthmus, said that the machinery used on the work represented the labor of 300,000 men. It is proposed to double the force of hands and presumably the capacity of the machinery, in which case the two will represent a working force of over 600,000 men. The Scriptural saying about removing mountains, however figurative once, is coming to be literal now.

—Jack Osborne, a Wyoming hunter, and his dog had a hard chase after a big otter the other day. The dog, who was celebrated as an otter killer, at length chased the otter to a deep pool, well frozen over excepting one air hole. Both animals disappeared through the hole, and by and by the dog's nose came slowly to the surface, Jack pulled him out, but he had fought his last fight. The otter's teeth and the struggle in the water were too much for him. His master cut the ice and dragged the dead body of the otter to land, and, seeing it, the old dog crawled up, and laying his head on the body, quietly died.

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—Ebensburg public schools close on Monday next.

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—There is an unusual amount of sickness here now.

—For all kinds of groceries, fresh and pure, go to the Sugar Bowl.

—A few wild ducks on their way north have made their appearance on the dams near town.

—Mrs. Maggie Henry, formerly of this place, is reported to be seriously ill at her home in Tyrone.

—The Democratic County Committee will meet on the 12th inst. See call of chairman in another column.

—Dock Asher's Hunt's Remedy will cure pains in the back or loins, female diseases, nervous prostration and kidney diseases.

—The bill increasing the pensions of widows from $8 to $12 per month has been signed by the President and is now a law.

—On Wednesday last the horns for the new brass band that was recently organized in this place arrived. They will soon begin to toot.

—For a first class four, five or six tined manure fork Huntley's is the place to get them, and very low. Also, hay forks, shovels, etc., etc.

—Henry Craig, of Prospect borough, was brought to jail on Wednesday, charged by Mrs. McDermott, of the same place, with surety of the peace.

Don't forget the fact that Huntley is selling several different articles in the hardware line for less than they can be bought at in the city wholesale.

—Mr. Daniel O. Evans, an old citizen of the East ward, has been on the sick list for the past week, but, we are glad to say, is now on a fair way to recovery.

—Rev. Father Kittell of Newry, Blair county, was a visitor to this place on Monday last, having called to visit John E. Scanlan, Esq., who is seriously ill.

—Farmers wanting an Ohio, Chilled, South Bend, Improved Armagh or North Bend Plow, can get them at the Old Reliable Hardware Store of Geo. Huntley.

—John B. Olinger, of Somerset county, was the successful young man who received the appointment to the West Point cadetship from General Campbell, of this district.

—We have tried a sack of Mt Rock flour sold by Messrs. V. S. Barker & Bro., and find it excellent. If you want to have nice, spongy, white bread, try a sack of Mt. Rock flour.

—Hon. Robert L. Johnston, of this place, Rev. Father Boyle, of Gallitzin, and Father Sheedy, of Pittsburg, will address the Irish National League of Altoona on the evening of April 18th.

—Communion services will be held in the Presbyterian church on next Sabbath day, preparatory services beginning on Thursday evening and continuing on Friday and Saturday evenings.

—The family of Mr. Lemuel Davis took their departure on Tuesday last for Kane, McKean county, where Mr. Davis has been for some time, and where they intend making their future home.

—The dam at Kittanning Point, from which the city of Altoona gets her water supply, is said to be giving away. Several thousand dollars will be required to repair the damage done.

—There were fifteen drug stores in Washington, this State, when it became a prohibition town, nineteen years ago. Now there are forty-two drug stores, and it is said they all sell whisky.

—Rev. Thomas McEnroe, formerly pastor of the Catholic congregation at St. Augustine, this county, has been transferred from Coal Centre, Washington county, to Meyersdale, in Somerset county.

—Mr. John Fitzharris, proprietor of the Logan House, Hollidaysburg, who a few years ago was a resident of this place, has purchased the Milliken farm near Hollidaysburg, for the sum of $3,250.

—The following named persons can each obtain a letter by calling at the Ebensburg post-office: Mrs. Maggie Jones, Mrs. R. E. Parker, Mrs. Mary Weidner(2), Miss Annie Jones, Mr. A. E. Davis, John Jones.

—Mrs. Frank Hill, the runaway Greensburg bride, paid a brief visit to her home last week. She was accompanied by a Chicago detective. Marchland is still with her. The object of her visit home is not known.

—Mr. Jacob Shaffer, of Allegheny township, announces himself as a candidate for Poor House Director in this week's FREEMAN. Mr. Shaffer is an honest and reliable Democrat, and, if successful in his aspirations, will make a competent director.

—The recent heavy rains of the past few days have enabled the lumbermen to get their logs out of the creeks. It is estimated that near three million feet were taken out of Moss creek, and about nine hundred thousand out of the Susquehanna above Moss creek.

—The card of Capt. Michael Fitzharris of Gallitzin borough, as a candidate for Assembly appears in the proper column. Mr. Fitzharris is a well known citizen, an active Democrat and if nominated and elected will perform the duties of the office with ability and credit.

—The card of Mr. John E. Strayer, of Johnstown, as a candidate for legislative honors, is published in another column. Mr. Strayer is an active and energetic business man of Johnstown, who, if nominated and elected, would perform the duties of the office with fidelity and ability.

—Twenty-two imported through-bred stallions and mares, ranging in price from $450 to $1,250 each, were disposed of at public sale, a few days ago, by Mr. J. Kunkle, of North Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county. The entire lot brought $21,675, being an average of $985.25 each.

—That slight cold you think so little of may prove the forerunner of a complaint that may be fatal. Avoid this result by taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, the best of known medicines for colds, coughs, catarrhs, bronchitis, incipient consumption, and all other throat and lung diseases.

—The portable-mill swindler is abroad in the land roping in farmers who, like the Somerset jurymen, don't read the newspapers. John Zollentine, a Westmoreland ruralist, was the latest victim, and his experience with a smooth tongued sharper cost him $250. Some people will never learn.

—Judge Ingram, of Fayette county, last week decided that during the term of its incumbent the Court cannot reduce the emoluments of an office. The decision was made on a petition presented by the County Commissioners asking that the sum allowed the Sheriff for boarding prisoners, fifty cents per day, be reduced.

—It is announced that a former official of the McAllistersville Soldiers' Orphans' School will soon be arrested in connection with the Beckie Jackson case, the little Johnstown girl who was ill treated in that institution.

—An actual count of the square timber shows that there are but 235 rafts from Clearfield to the head of the Clearfield river, and between there and Lock Haven the number is sufficient to raise the total to 350 rafts. The same territory has in former times sent out over two thousand rafts in a single year.

—Peter McGough, Esq., of Portage township, this week announces himself as a candidate for Register and Recorder. Mr. McGough is a well known Democrat, well qualified to perform the duties of the office, and if nominated and elected will perform the duties of the office in a creditable and competent manner.

—On last Saturday Frank Davidson, says the *Bedford Inquirer*, son of John Davidson, shot and killed in the dam at Wolfsburg a swan that measured six feet from tip to tip and weighed twenty-four pounds. The killing of swans is a rare occurance in this section. On the same day a couple of flocks were seen in the narrows.

—One way of settling the strikes that are now prevailing all over the country, and which, if tried, would probably be found better than arbitration, is to suggest to the men the idea of buying their dry goods, dress goods, boots and shoes, groceries and provisions, at John Owens' store, on High street, where they can at all times get goods at bottom prices.

—The Prothonotary of Huntingdon county has received another inquiry in regard to another bogus divorce purporting to have been issued by the "Supreme Court of Mapleton Huntingdon County." The parties are Peter Dowell and America Dowell, and the divorce purports to have been granted February 20, 1885. The letter is from a lawyer in Gallatin, Mo.

—Nearly three hundred men began work on Monday digging ditch and laying gas mains from Grapeville, Westmoreland county, to Johnstown. The line passes about one mile north of Greensburg, crosses the railroad at Carr's tunnel, up Ligonier Valley and along the pike to Johnstown. About two miles of the pipe main will be laid this week, and after that it will progress more rapidly.

—The Huntingdon *Local News* says: On the 20th of April, 129 families from Fulton, Huntingdon, Mifflin and Franklin counties leave Huntingdon for Napoleon, Logan county, Dak., with their horses, cattle and household furniture, where they will make their future home. Most of these people have been industrious, frugal farmers and have accumulated some means.

—Dr G. A. Zimmerman on Tuesday last, shipped his household goods to Wilkesbarre, where he intends to make his future home. The books of Dr. Zimmerman will be left for one month in the hands of Mr. Herbert Zimmerman at the Drug Store of Dr. Davison, in this place, where all persons indebted to him can call and settle up, after that time his books will be left with a proper officer for collection.

—Emanuel J. Blough, of Jenner township, Somerset county, has received $1,500 from the P. R. R. Company for injuries received in May last, at Johnstown. He alighted from a passenger train, when he was struck by another train. He was confined to bed for two months, and has since been compelled to walk with a crutch. The above amount was in the way of a compromise, and no suit was brought.

—"Much drunkenness and disorder prevailed on our streets on Saturday night last," says the Indiana *Messenger* of Wednesday of the present week. And this, too, in a prohibition town by the decree of Judge Harry White. It is the same story that comes from a multitude of towns in Maine, Kansas and Iowa, in all three of which States the failure of prohibition, according to law, to prohibit, has been abundantly demonstrated.

—Robert Stewart, of Ramey, is the oldest person in Clearfield county, and one of the oldest in the State. He has passed his one hundred and fifth birthday, and goes about with as much ease and grace as a man of half his age. Some enterprising newspaper reporter should visit this aged gentleman and prepare an article of early times as it would be read by all.—*Clearfield Republican.*

—Mr. Leech, as will be seen from his amended card, will be assisted in conducting his school by Professor T. T. Bearer, a graduate of the North-western Ohio Normal School. Mr. Bearer is a native of this county and has the reputation of being an earnest teacher and a thorough scholar. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is to be among them again and congratulate Mr. Leech in securing so competent an assistant.

—We forgot last week to notice the removal of Mr. James Gant's barber shop from the old location to the room lately occupied by Mr. P. J. Manson as a jewelry store, on High street, nearly opposite the Mountain House. Mr. Gant in his new quarters has a more commodious room, which he has fitted up in good style, and where he will be happy to wait upon everybody wanting anything done in the tonsorial line.

—George Glessner, of Allegheny township, Somerset county, met with an accident last week that resulted in his death. He had a spring seat on his wagon, and while driving down a hill he attempted to draw the rubber, when the wagon gave a sudden lurch, and he was thrown by the spring over the front of the vehicle, his head striking the ground with such force as to break his neck. He was about fifty years of age, and leaves a wife and a large family of children.—*Somerset Herald.*

—The card of Dr. J. C. McMullen, of St. Augustine, Clearfield township, as a candidate for Assembly, will be found in the proper column in this week's paper. Dr. McMullen is a native of Clearfield township, where his ancestors were among the first settlers, is well known as a practicing physician, standing high in his profession, an active Democrat, and a gentleman of scholarly attainments, being a graduate of St. Vincent's College, Westmoreland county, where he graduated with high honors.

—Mr. Samuel Reed, of Blacklick township, whose barn was burned last week, is of the opinion that the barn was set on fire by some explosive material left there for that purpose. Mr. Reed and Mr. Laferty were in the barn but a short time before, and there was no sign of fire, and when the fire was first seen by Mrs. Reed there was a hissing noise which she described as sounding like two trains of cars passing, when immediately the fire was scattered all over the barn. If it was the work of an incendiary, every effort should be made to ferret him out and bring him to justice.

BARGAINS IN

REMNANTS OF WHITE GOODS!

WILLIAM F. GABLE & CO., ALTOONA, PA.

NO. 1402, ELEVENTH AVENUE.

THE CLEARFIELD STRIKE.

A Call for a Conference Which the Operators will Ignore.

HOUTZDALE, Pa., March 31.—The situation here is unchanged, the strikers remaining solid to a man. The operators are making no open effort to start any of the mines. One of them said yesterday that they would not import foreign labor, as it would be too expensive, and would close up first and let the mines fill with water. Road men worked all day Sunday repairing the road at Sterling, which is looked upon as an indication of early resumption of work. The delegate convention, which met at Osceola last Saturday, issued invitations to the operators to meet with them there to-morrow and try and arrive at some satisfactory terms. The following circular has been sent to all the business men by the Executive Committee of the Federation:

The operators and business men of the Clearfield coal region have been invited to meet the Executive Committee of Miners and Mine Laborers' District, No. 3, at Osceola Mills, Pa., on Wednesday, March 31, at 1 p. m. to arrange, if possible, a satisfactory settlement of the difficulties which now stand in the way of a resumption of work throughout this region. As a business man, interested in the speedy termination of this unnatural and very undesirable state of affairs, your presence at the meeting is most earnestly and very respectfully requested.

The circular is signed by Edward Hughes, President.

HUNTINGDON, March 31.—It was announced on Tuesday that the miners in the Clearfield region had decided to confer with the operators and adjust, if possible, all differences. This turns out not to be the case. Instead of the miners themselves taking part, the invitation was extended by President Edward Hughes and the executive committee of Federation No. 3 to the operators to confer with them. Fisher, Miller & Co. and Berwind, White & Co., the largest employers, while expressing a willingness to meet their townsmen, positively refuse to meet the officers of the Federation, and the expected resumption of mining, which was to have taken place this week, is as far off as ever. Circulars are out in the district denouncing Mr. Hughes and calling on the men to select their leaders from their own ranks.

Death of Mrs. Mary McConnell.

Mrs. Mary McConnell died at her home in Summerhill township, on Friday, March 18, aged 82 years. The deceased was the widow of Thomas McConnell, who was a surveyor and well known to the people of all sections of the county. Her father was Felix O'Skelly, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, a Marylander by birth, who came to this county soon after the beginning of the present century, cleared the land and made a home for himself on the farm now owned by Patrick Comey, about two miles southeast of Wilmore. Mrs. McC. was the mother of a large family, one of whom is Wm. McConnell, Esq., of Summerhill township. She was a highly respected lady and an exemplary member of the Catholic Church. Her remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery at Wilmore on the Sunday following her death.

A Critical Case.

This story is told of a doctor who "practices medicine" in this county. He was called to see a female patient on Monday morning. From that time until Thursday evening he visited her several times. The anxious husband at the doctor's last visit inquired what he thought of his wife's case. "Well," answered the doctor, "her condition is critical. I have given her twenty-five different kinds of medicine since Monday morning, and none of them appears to have done her any good. I'll change the treatment again this evening, however, and if she doesn't have a turn for the better by morning there will be grounds for serious apprehension." The sequal has not been learned.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

Look Out for Him.

An exchange says that the ubiquitous swindler has evolved a new plan by which to swindle the honest farmer. A chap in clerical broadcloth and white choker enters a farmhouse and asks for lodging or dinner, as the case may be. During his stay he announces himself as a travelling Bible distributor in the service of a religious institution, and goes so far as to present the family with a handsome Bible from a well filled valise. He is careful to say that the society requires its distributing members to pay their own way and exhibit vouchers thereof.

After partaking of the good folks' hospitality he prepares to leave and asks for his bill. He is generally told that no charge is made, but he calls attention to "the rules," and insists on paying twenty-five cents a meal. Then he mildly requires a receipt on his blank form, "in a voucher, you know," and gets the farmer to sign it. In ninety days there is a notice from a neighboring bank to the pious farmer to call and pay the note for $162.20, which it bought, and which bears the farmer's signature.

Whisky Made in a Kettle.

William S. Farmer was given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Lingafelter on Wednesday, and was held for trial at the U. S. district court which convenes on the fourth Monday of April. He is the moonshiner who was arrested in Fulton county last week by Officer Beegle. Mr. Beegle investigated the method employed by the moonshiners in manufacturing whisky, and describes it as follows: A barrel of cider is emptied into a large kettle. The cider is then boiled until it is reduced in quantity one-third. A bushel of rye is then added, and the boiling continued until the grain becomes "mash," after which the liquor is poured into vessels and is ready for use as an intoxicant. It is said to be more powerful than the orthodox stuff.—*Bedford Gazette.*

ATTENTION FARMERS.—I respectfully call your attention to Williams, Clark & Co's. high grade Bone Fertilizers, viz: Pure raw bone meal; Royal bone phosphate; Ammoniated bone super phosphate. These goods are guaranteed not to contain a single pound of adulteration or make up weight in them. They are the cheapest goods for money that was ever offered in the country. Call and see them, buy them and try them. Ten tons just received, at Geo. Huntley's.

—"Dozens of letters a day pour in upon Dr. David Kennedy, of Rondout, N. Y., from people who have been benefited by using his popular preparation called Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. And they often illustrate what this remarkable medicine accomplishes in some new and hitherto untried field of operation. Not infrequently patients come long distances to grasp the Doctor by the hand and express their gratitude for deliverance from pain."—Troy, (N. Y.) *Daily Times.*

—By means of keys made of spoon handles the prisoners in the Franklin county jail attempted to escape a few nights ago. They were discovered in time to prevent their getting away.

—"We don't have to recommend Parker's Hair Balsam but once," writes Mr. C. A. Burger, druggist, of Liberty, N. Y. "After that it stands on its record." It stops falling hair, restores original color, promotes growth. Exceptionally clean, prevents dandruff.

FROM HEMLOCK.

The reigning monarch in this vicinity is mud, and wide is his realm.

The miners all at work once more; and the mines are running steadily. The advance of 10 cents per ton, in the language of a miner, "Makes the coal dig a mighty sight easier." The drivers received an advance in wages of 40 cents per day.

W. H. Piper & Co. are sinking a shaft on their property near Lilly, and, if the coal is found as expected, they will put up 100 coke ovens during the coming summer. So mote it be.

Mentzer & Co. are opening a new mine on Benscreek two miles west of here. Their old works will be abandoned when the new one is completed.

Post Commander Hart of Post No. 39, G. A. R. of Johnstown, mustered in the honored vets of this vicinity on Thursday of last week. Twenty eight signed the roll, and as we have more than that many more of "the boys who wore the blue" living near here, Colonel Dick White, Post 513, starts out very auspiciously. All honor to our old soldiers who meet in such organizations and live over again the joys and sorrows of a army life. Capt. Wm. Linton of Summit is commander of the new post, and Lieut. Jno Lynch is secretary.

Mr. Sherman Hughes who is engaged at the mine of Hughes & Shoemaker injured his knee by a fall received last week. The injury was not of a serious nature, but the limb became inflamed and swollen and caused excruciating pain, that for a time it was feared lock jaw would ensue. We are glad to know that he is now much better.

Rev. Father Browne, who has been prostrated for about a month past, is once more able to be out.

Mrs. Joseph McMullen is lying very ill with few hopes for her recovery. She has been quite poorly since last fall and seems to be gradually sinking.

Mr. Will Aurandt who has been in Iowa for the past month returned home last week, being quite ill. He has somewhat improved and we hope he will soon be himself again.

Mr. Lem Davis and family tarried for a short time here on Tuesday evening, on their way to Kane. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Griffith.

Our brass band has given several open air concerts lately and the music gives universal satisfaction. The boys' improvement is very noticeable, and they well deserve commendation for their perseverance. C.

Communication.

EBENSBURG, Cambria Co., Pa., March 30.

To the Editor of the Freeman.

DEAR SIR:—I see by your paper concerning the death of Mr. Robert Murray, that there is something wrong, and to make a long story short, I was the man that sent after the Doctor and not Mr. Morgan Hughes as he was not there when I asked Mr. Davis to go after the doctor now in the first place Mr. Hildebrant was the first to find Mr. Murray; and I was driving out the clay pike and saw him looking at Mr. Murray, and stopped and asked him if that was some drunken man, and he replied: "I think he is dead," then I turned back and drove near and saw that it was Mr. Murray, and that he was dead, or at least I thought so; by this time Schuyler Davis and his brother Fred Davis came there and we sent after the doctor. I asked Schuyler Davis if he would go, and he started, after going a few steps he stopped, and asked what doctor and I told him to go to John Blair, and tell him to bring a doctor, and he did so; by this time several others came along and we talked of taking him some place. Some one asked where would we take him, and I said here is my wagon, if we can put him in I will haul him to his house; and Mr. Hughes was the man that said the wagon is not fit, and I said here is a robe and a blanket if he can be put in them; Mr. Hughes then spoke up and said take him to our house, so that is what was concluded to be done, I then spoke up and said as there was plenty to take him I would go home as it was late in the evening, and I started, as there was plenty to take care of him, and for further references I can refer you to Frod. and Schuler Davis or Thomas James and others.

Yours Respectfully,

GEORGE BERKEY.

Chest Springs School Report.

The following report of the attendance of our schools is taken from the teachers reports for the last month:

Room No. 1, Mrs. M. J. Cramer, teacher. Number of pupils enrolled, 39; average attendance, 31. Visitors during month, 18. The following pupils were perfect in attendance during term: Ross Leary, Homer Leary, Harvey Leary, Elmer Wills, Willie Little, Grace Hamilton, Retta Cramer.

Room No. 2, M. D. Bearer, teacher. Number of pupils enrolled, 53; average attendance, 40. Visitors during month, 36. The following pupils were perfect in attendance during term: Emma Little, Emma Mellon, Gertie Jones, Aggie Connery, Lillie Conrad, May Cramer, Ella Krise, Walter Perry.

The schools were never as well conducted as during the present term. The teachers seemed themselves to pupils and patrons by their industry and close attention to their work. L. S.

A Wonderful Discovery

Consumptives and all who suffer from any affection of the Throat and Lungs, can find a certain cure in Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Thousands of permanent cures verify the truth of this statement. No medicine can show such a record of wonderful cures. Thousands of once hopeless sufferers now gratefully proclaim they owe their lives to this New Discovery. It will cost you nothing to it a trial. Free Trial Bottles at C. James' Drug Store. Large size, $1.00.

Time For Critical Eye Operations

With the advent of Spring and pleasant weather it is best for every one who are in need of Cataract, or other serious operations on the eye, to have them done before the extreme heat of summer. Consult Dr. Sadler, 804 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., who will send illustrated pamphlet and reference free. Terms to suit each case.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positive ly cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. For sale by E. James.

Fits—All fits stopped free by Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. No fits after first day's use. Marvelous cures. Treatise and $2.00 trial bottle free to fit cases. Send to Dr. Kline, 931 Arch St., Philadelphia.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court since last week:

Maxwell W. Lamison and Maggie A. Graham of Johnstown.

Michael Hagg, Jackson township, and Nancy Jane Strong, Barr township.

EDUCATIONAL.

Report of visits to schools by the County Superintendent from February 15th to March 27:

During the time between the above dates, visited the schools in Washington, Portage, Summerhill, White, Yoder, Carroll, Carrolltown, Susquehanna, Croyle, Elder, Gallitzin, Dean, Ashland, and Clearfield. One school in Portage, two in Summerhill, one in Croyle, one in Gallitzin, and two in Dean township were not reached. Seventy schools have been visited since the last report.

During the time embraced in this report, attended seven district institutes and educational meetings. They were generally attended by teachers and directors, and the exercises were practical and interesting.

In the majority of the schools the work of teachers and pupils was found satisfactory.

In Washington we found the houses repaired, painted, and furnished with bells, this being the second district in the county provided with bells on their houses. Free text books are furnished in this district. Term six months. Several schools were found very much crowded, others very small; yet the same wages paid to all. We don't think this an equitable basis in paying teachers' salaries. Teachers with good certificates with experience and ability to teach, should certainly receive more than beginners, with poor certificates. In this proper encouragement to teachers to qualify themselves thoroughly and make teaching a profession?

In Portage and Summerhill township the attendance was about up to the average. Two schools in Portage—the Cramer and Marsh schools—have been found too small for several years, and we think that in justice to all they should be consolidated. Summerhill should provide better school buildings as soon as possible. Several must be reported unfit for use. The township school situated within the borough has been a failure for several years, and from observation and inquiry, we advise its removal beyond the borough limits, or at least to a more suitable location.

White district has made commendable progress in school matters during the past year or two. Three good houses are furnished with good furniture. A new house is needed at Bangor where the largest school in the district is found.

In Carroll good houses are found, with one exception. When good furniture is provided the schools of this district will rank favorably with those of any district in the county. Four teachers are teaching their first term in the district. Carrolltown an excellent building provides suitable accommodations for the pupils of the district.

A new house was built in Susquehanna. It is as fine a building as can be found in the country. It is provided with good furniture. Several new buildings were erected and will no doubt be soon built. Free text books are provided. Several teachers are teaching their first term, and doing good work.

In Croyle the schools were fairly attended. The graded school at Summerhill is doing good work.

Elder has two fair houses seated with good furniture, and an excellent new building at St. Boniface. The attendance was good in this district.

In Gallitzin and Dean districts the schools are small. In Gallitzin good houses are furnished with good furniture, and the schools are doing fair work. The Kriss school, in Dean, is worn out for use, and will be replaced by a new building before long. Teachers and pupils cannot do good work in so small, uncomfortable school room.

The school at Ashland shows the largest attendance for years. The location is very unfavorable for the people of the village, and a new one will likely be provided.

Clearfield has built five new houses and furnished them with good furniture during the last four years. A new building is needed at St. Augustine, the seats especially being totally unfit for use. The directors of this district deserve credit for the interest manifested in school matters. Fellow's outline maps are found in the schools. The schools were fairly attended and the most of them doing good work.

The following directors accompanied to visit the schools: Washington, Messrs. Eckenrode, Lynch; Brown, Rubine, Storm and Pritch; Summerhill, John, Wright Secretary, White, S. Luther, Secretary; Yoder, E. Stutzman; Carroll, Jos. Bearer and Chas. Anna; Susquehanna, John Bearer, Croyle, Messrs. Hornbrook, Sam. Fiscus and Thomas Plummer; Carrolltown, Wm. Schroth, Secretary; Elder, Messrs. Valmer and Kirkpatrick; Gallitzin, W. J. Dawson; Clearfield, M. D. Wills and John Durbin.

Where schools were properly sustained and encouraged by directors teachers were generally successful. A few failures must be reported. Young teachers must receive proper assistance from directors and patrons when trouble arises, or their work will be a failure. When family troubles are brought into the schools great annoyance is given to teachers. We hope such things will not long continue to exist. Directors should act promptly in these matters and not allow offending parents to disturb the work of our schools.

We have got a few teachers who seem to think that teaching is merely a "pastime," or a plan to "put in the time." Outside interest seems to be more important than the work in the school room. Our schools are mostly taught by young men and women, and all due allowance must be made for their "legitimate amusements." But they, too, must remember that teaching requires vigor of body and mind, and if they would do their duty in the school room, proper attention must be given to the influences that surround every teacher and determine his influence in the school and the community.

During the visitations of schools for the present term we have been shown uniform courtesy and kindness by teachers, directors and citizens. The encouragement received from all has made it a pleasure to labor for those who are interested in the work of our schools and are willing to advance the cause of education.

Respectfully submitted,

L. STRAYER,
County Superintendent.

The Life Lesson

Learned by a Prominent Hudson Odd Fellow.

[*From the Hudson (N. Y.) Register.*]

Mr. John Elting, a faithful odd fellow (Past Grand, Lindenwald, No. 442) and a member of the Baptist Church, says: "I have been, as the most of my acquaintances in Hoffman know, a sufferer from dyspepsia for ten years. Beginning with indigestion, sour stomach and flatulence, I became so weak that my body became a burden too heavy to carry, and my mind was weighted down with a gloomy despondency. After eating I felt as if I had a ball of glowing iron in my stomach; my abdomen would bloat and I was afflicted almost constantly with sick headache. A lady learning of my condition advised me to use DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S FAVORITE REMEDY, telling me what an infinite deal of good it had done her and others whom she knew. I began using it in the latter part of August, and used altogether only three bottles, when it achieved in me the most wonderful improvement. I have now gained in flesh and feel stronger, happier and better than I have in ten years. FAVORITE REMEDY cured my friend, R. F. Hermans, of Glenford, of the lingering remains of malarial fever and of biliousness. Mr. Harry Thomas, the grocer on Warren street, just below the North House, says that it has had wonderfully good effects upon him. Some of my acquaintances say that having once tried it they would never again be without it. I have given both my children, and find it to be the best medicine I have ever known for regulating their bowels and purifying their blood. The knowledge of this medicine I deem the greatest lesson of physical life."

A Battle and Its Victory.—"I carried the burden of dyspepsia about all my life," said Mrs. Pierce, a lady eighty years old, residing at Rochester, N. Y., "until about three years ago, when I began taking Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy—of Rondout, you know—and it has given me more ambition and strength than I have had since I was young."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania on April 27, 1886, for a charter for the Torrens Gas Company, for the purpose of mining for and producing natural gas in the townships of Penn, Finn and Patton, in Allegheny county, and supplying same in Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Wilkinsburg, Braddocks, Greensburg, McKeesport, Latrobe, Blairsville, Indiana and Johnstown, Pa., with the right of laying gas pipes through Allegheny Westmoreland, Indiana and Cambria counties, James Fitzsimmons, James Williams, John Bradley, C. W. Helmold and T. M. Armstrong being five of the subscribers to said charter.

ROBB & FITZSIMMONS, Attorneys.
Pittsburgh, March 19, 1886.-3t.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Mrs. Mary Ann McConnell, dec'd. Letters of administration on the estate of Mrs. Mary Ann McConnell, late of Summerhill township, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted to the said estate to make payment without delay, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement.

W. T. MCCONNELL,
JAMES H. MCCONNELL,
Executors.

Summerhill township, April 2, 1886.—6t.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

Letters testamentary on the Estate of Francis Grimes, late of White township, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make payment without delay, and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated for settlement to

BRIDGET GRIMES, Executrix,
LUKE REESE, Executor.

St. Augustine, Pa., April 2, 1886.—6t.

T. W. DICK, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Ebensburg, Pa. Office in building of J. J. Lloyd, dec'd, First door, Centre street. All manner of legal business attended to satisfactorily and collections a specialty. [10-14-tf.]

GEO. M. READE,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
EBENSBURG, PA.
Office on Centre street, Near Iron.

NEWSPAPER Advertising Bureau, 10 Spruce Street, N. Y.

NORMAL SCHOOL.

A Normal School will open

April 26th, 1886,

FOR A

Term of Ten Weeks

in the Ebensburg Public School

BUILDING.

The School will be conducted by J. W. LEECH, Principal of the Ebensburg Schools, and Prof. T. T. Bearer, graduate of the Northwestern (Ohio.) Normal School.

Special attention will be paid to the wants of teachers. The higher branches will receive careful attention. BOOK KEEPING WILL BE TAUGHT THOROUGHLY.

For further particulars and circulars address

J. W. LEECH.

Ebensburg, March 26, 1886.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER.

To the Democracy of Cambria County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of Register and Recorder at the ensuing Democratic Primary Election.

CELESTINE J. BLAIR.

Ebensburg, Pa., Feb. 26, 1886.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER.

To the Democracy of Cambria County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Register and Recorder, subject to the decision of the next Democratic Primary Election.

THOMAS HOOVER.

Cambria township, March 5, 1886.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER.

To the Democracy of Cambria County: I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Register and Recorder, to be made at your next Primary Election.

GEORGE J. MILLER.

Conemaugh Borough, March 12, 1886.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER.

PETER M'GOUGH,
OF PORTAGE TOWNSHIP,
Subject to Democratic rules.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

JAMES M. WALTERS,
OF JOHNSTOWN,
Subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election. [March 19, 1886.]

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

HARRY G. ROSE,
JOHNSTOWN, PA.
Subject to the decision of Democratic Primaries, March 26, 1886.

FOR PROTHONOTARY.

H. A. SHOEMAKER,
Subject to the Democratic Primary Election. (Ebensburg, March 22, 1886.-t.e.)

FOR ASSEMBLY.

WILLIAM LINTON, of Summit,
Subject to decision of the Democratic Primaries, March 26, 1886.

FOR ASSEMBLY.

I will be a candidate for the nomination for Assembly at the coming Democratic Primary Election.

JOHN E. STRAYER.

Johnstown, April 2, 1886.

FOR ASSEMBLY.

DR. J. C. M'MULLEN,
OF CLEARFIELD TOWNSHIP.
Respectfully submitted to the Democracy of Cambria County.
April 2, 1886.—t.e.

FOR ASSEMBLY.

MICHAEL FITZHARRIS,
OF GALLITZIN.
Subject to decision of the Democratic Primaries, April 2, 1886.

FOR POOR HOUSE DIRECTOR.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for Poor House Director, subject to the decision of the next Democratic Primary Election.

JACOB SHAFFER.

Allegheny township, April, 4, 1886.

STATEMENT OF SETTLEMENT

with Supervisors of Blacklick Township for the year ending March 8, 1886:

PETER WAGNER, Dr.

To am't of Duplicate	$253.86
CONTRA, Cr.	
By am't work done on road	$244.92
By exonerations	2.43
By back tax	5.45
By services rendered by Supervisor	30.87½
By furnishing plank	2.50
	—291.23½
Balance due Peter Wagner	$37.87½

WM. D. RHODES, Dr.

To am't of Duplicate	$292.90
CONTRA, Cr.	
By work done on roads	$278.69
By back tax	8.06
By exonerations	1.20
By return tax to Commissioners	7.55
By services of Supervisor	32.90—$328.64
Balance due Wm. D. Rhodes	$32.74

The following orders were issued by the Auditors and remain unpaid:

No. 1. Emanuel Custer	$ 3.40
No. 2. George A. Michaels	5.00
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AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

Items Relating to Farm, Live Stock, Orchard, Garden and Lawn.

Young hens lay the most eggs, but old ones make the most careful mothers.

Beware of inferior seed at this season. Time lost in the use of such cannot be regained.

The department of agriculture estimates the increased value in the cattle of Louisiana and the adjoining cotton states, due to the use of improved breeds and crossing them on the native cows during the last few years, at 35 per cent. During the last year the increase in the value of every ox is 10 to 20 per cent.

In nothing do we need to exercise greater care and judgment than in feeding. While one cow will only fully utilize from four to six pounds, a careful test will no doubt prove the cow that consumes ten pounds will bring to her owner a larger net profit than the one that consumes but five pounds.

One who has tried the process says that those who will try bagging a few grapes will appreciate the great advantages of fastening on cheap paper-bags when the bunches begin to form. There will be no waste, while double the price may be obtained, as they will stay on the vines until after cold weather. The bugs should be attached as soon as the earliest indications of grapes are noticed.

A good condition powder may be cheaply prepared on the farm. A mixture of one pound penugreck, one pound gentian, one pound salt, one pound sulphate of soda, an ounce of sulphur, one pound of chloride of iron and half pound of black antimony, given in tablespoonful doses twice a day, will greatly assist the appetite and promote the condition of the animals.

The farmer's wife is emphatically a partner in his business. On her devolves the care of the dairy in addition to the routine of household duties. Her sphere of action, though strictly domestic, is a wider one than that of the ordinary housewife. As her husband in virtue of the ownership of land which he subdues and tills, is entitled to the name of landlord with all the cares and honors the name implies, so she is entitled to the name of landlady, and must assume the responsibility as well as the respect.

The continued raising of one crop upon the same soil exhausts the kind of plant food needed by that kind of plant. Some plants have long roots, others short ones; by changing, the nutriment is drawn from different parts of the soil. Some plants draw their sustenance largely from the air, store up nutriment and leave it in the soil. This class of plants usually have broad leaves; clover, beans and peas are in this class. Wheat, corn, oats, and those plants having a few narrow leaves, are exhaustive to the soil. Upon a sandy loam, the following is a plan for rotation: First year, meadow, second summer, fallow; third, wheat; fourth, corn, and all the undecomposed manure. Sow rye at the last cultivation, pasture it in the fall and spring; fifth year, sow oats or barley and seed down. At the present price of sugar it will not pay to raise amber cane except as a forage crop, for which purpose it is excellent, and especially adapted for light, sandy soil.

The grape rot is now known to be a fungus growth which attacks the fruit successfully through the season. As the spores ripen they break and spread upon fruit not before affected. It is, therefore, important to go through the vineyard early and cut out all berries that show any signs of injury. A still earlier preventive measure is to remove all decayed grapes, cuttings, or other rubbish from under the vines, and then plough the ground, so as to turn under the surface any that are accidently missed. After the first plowing the ground should not be cultivated except to destroy weeds. Stirring it deeply would bring some of the spores to the surface of the ground, where they would be blown about by winds. The use of sulphate of iron or copperas in water is also recommended as a spray for the vines during the growing season. By adopting these precautions grape growing may be re-established even in localities where successive years of rotting had caused grape growers to abandon the business.

In plowing small fields, says one familiar with it, it is the easiest way to set a plow at the bars entering the field, and follow the fence around. Besides, if the work is to be done by proxy, the plowman needs little watching, except to see that he keeps the furrows true and of the required depth, and lays the sod well over, that one is tempted to allow it, ank thus at every plowing the soil is heaped up against the outside of the field. "Back-furrowing," or "left about," is of course, the only remedy. Common farm hands make such bungling work of this that it is necessary to stake out the furrows for them and watch them besides, especially in irregular fields. When properly done, the entire field is plowed in one "land" unless it is very much broken up. The old dead-furrows, left when the field was last plowed, may ordinarily be seen, and will serve as a guide. They will probably be found quite accurately in the center. To lay out a lot for back-furring, the line of the first furrow should be well staked, midway between two parallel sides. It should not come nearly to the other sides, and in plowing, the land plowed should imitate in its beginning and progress the finish of a field plowed outward from the center. Thus after plowing a few furrows, carrying the plow around at the ends of the land, the plow is run across the ends and not taken out again until the field is finished. In plowing old ground for spring grain, the dead furrows will come in the middle of the field in all probability, unless it be plowed in several lands. To make smooth work after the land is plowed, turn half a dozen furrows "left about" back into the dead furrow, plowing the two inner ones deep, and the next two mere scratches. Thus plowed, the field may be sowed and seeded down without a dead furrow, if well harrowed.

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One should seek for others the happiness one desires for one's self.

Can a man be called a temperance man of long standing who wears tight shoes?

The lady who called her boisterous brother-in-law her "perpetual hub-bub" got it about right.

"Struck down," as the barber said when he shaved the first crop of fuzz from a youth's chin.

Our opinion of a a man is likely to be determined by his opinion of us.

We find self-made men often, but self unmade ones a good deal oftener.

That laughter costs too much which is purchased by the sacrifice of decency.

Make but few explanations; the character that cannot defend itself is not worth vindicating.

Virtue maketh men on earth famous, in their graves glorious and in heaven immortal.

Time with all its celerity moves slowly on to him whose whole enjoyment it is to watch its flight.

When a man speaks the truth you may count pretty surely that he possesses most other virtues.

Talents are best matured in solitude; character is best formed in the stormy billows of the world.

No jest can be quite so bitter as that one which runs laughingly along or the edge of an ugly truth.

The wealth of a man is the number of things that he loves and blesses, that he is loved and blessed by.

We know what to do with our joys, but we do not know what to do with our sorrows or with our hardships.

Love mankind with all your souls, and you will feel no difficulty in using patience, forbearance and forgiveness.

There is no advantage to be gained in murmuring or complaining at our lot in life and grieving over our hard experience.

No matter how purely and grandly we live to-day, there is no denying that we may live more purely, more grandly to-morrow.

Honor is the basis of character, and character is the basis of all true success; therefore esteem truth above all other possessions.

A debt is a very stubborn thing and always succeeds in having its own way. The more you attempt to contract it the larger it gets.

If a man is honest he does not need to tell of it. Sterling virtue can afford to keep still, but ely dishonesty has a very busy tongue.

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He who betrays another's secret because he has quarrelled with him, was never worthy of the sacred name of a friend!; a breach of kindness will not justify a breach of trust.

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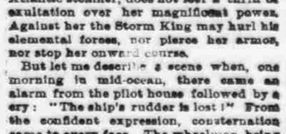

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